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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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TAGS: PDIP, PINR, PROG, US, VM  
SUBJ: INDICTMENT FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE OF DOCUMENTS:  
ACTIVITIES OF SRV MISSION TO UN

REF: STATE 026697

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AND POLCOUNS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DINH BA THI, SRV PERM REP, AT 2:30 P.M. FEB 1 TO IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. MCHENRY READ THE MESSAGE AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL AND PROVIDED AN INFORMAL WRITTEN TEXT OF THE MESSAGE. MCHENRY NOTED THAT THE MESSAGE IS ALSO BEING PROVIDED THE SRV PARIS EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

2. THI RESPONDED WITH A RATHER LENGTHY EXPOSITION MAKING TWO BASIC POINTS:

A) BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND SRV, MATTERS RELATING TO BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN PARIS. THE SRV MISSION AT UN HAS DEALT SOLELY WITH UN MATTERS. THI SAID HE HAD MADE THIS POINT TO US REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR YOUNG,

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ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. HE SAID HE THEREFORE DID NOT ACCEPT OUR ACTION IN PASSING A MESSAGE RELATING TO BILATERAL AFFAIRS AND SUGGESTED TRANSMISSION OF THE MESSAGE THROUGH THE AGREED CHANNEL BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN PARIS;

B) CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY, THI SAID HIS MISSION HAD ALREADY ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT RE-

JECTING THE ALLEGATION AND STRONGLY PROTESTING AGAINST IT. HE ALSO ADDED THAT IT IS SRV POLICY TO RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE NOTED THAT IN RELATIONS WITH THE US, THE SRV ON MANY OCCASIONS HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS GOOD WILL AND DESIRE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT THE FACT THAT THE SRV HAD PROVIDED CERTAIN INFORMATION ON MIAS WAS RECOGNIZED BY US REPRESENTATIVES AS A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS ON THE PART OF THE SRV. HE CHARGED, HOWEVER, THAT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SRV AND THE US, AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN DUE TO THE CONTINUATION BY THIS US ADMINISTRATION OF A POLICY OF HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SRV. HE CHARGED THAT THIS INCIDENT AND THE US ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN "COOKED UP" AS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF HOSTILE ACTS DIRECTED AGAINST THE SRV BY THE US. HE CHARACTERIZED THE ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN OUR MESSAGE AS PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE TO HIM. HE REQUESTED MCHENRY TO CONVEY TO THE US GOVERNMENT THE TOTAL REJECTION BY THE SRV MISSION OF OUR MESSAGE AND PROTEST AGAINST THE ALLEGATIONS WE HAVE MADE.

2. MCHENRY DECLINED TO ENGAGE IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE IN  
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RESPONSE TO THI'S REMARKS, NOTING THAT ON THIS OCCASION THERE WOULD BE NO USEFUL PURPOSE SERVED IN DISCUSSING THE PAST. HE OBSERVED THAT THE ACTION OF THE US WAS NOT TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOST GOVERNMENT TO THE UN UNDER SECTION 13 B OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND THE US. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE ARE INFORMALLY TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSED IN PARIS, BUT PRESENTING THIS ORAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR THI IN NEW YORK AS A PROPER PART OF OUR MULTILATERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. THI EXPLAINED HIS LENGTHY RESPONSE AS AN EFFORT TO REPLY TO THE ACTION OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO SUBMIT ITS MESSAGE TO HIM. HE CHARACTERIZED IT AS ANOTHER ACT PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE TO HIM AND UNACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAS EXERCISED SELF-RESTRAINT IN REACTING TO THESE ALLEGATIONS TO AVOID THE OFFENSIVE ACT OF THE US GOVERNMENT HARMING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE INTENDED TO TRANSMIT A NOTE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM PROTESTING THE ACT OF THE US IN PUBLISHING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. IN TERMINATING THE INTERVIEW, MCHENRY SAID SIMPLY THAT HE WOULD REPORT THIS REMARKS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. WE ARE SEEKING AN URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM TO INFORM HIM AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. WE ALSO INTEND TO RELATE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OUR EXPERIENCE WITH AMBASSADOR THI AND PROVIDE WALDHEIM WITH A COPY OF THE WRITTEN TEXT OF OUR ORAL MESSAGE TO THE VIETNAMESE.  
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